

**SPECIAL EVENTS
WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

Photography Tour with Pam Barbour **Book Now!**
April 19: 6:30-9:30 AM

Full Moon Rising Tour **Book Now!**
April 23: 6:30-8:30 PM

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Loonrise.
Photo by Deborah Hill

**THIS WEEK!
APRIL 8, 2024**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee State Historic Site
Park Grounds Open Daily: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Originally a military compound and later a trading post, this Historic Site offers both recreational opportunities and a unique look at 18th and 19th century South Carolina. A self-interpretation station is available at the park office.

Gorges State Park
April 8: 1:30-2:30 PM
Solar Hike!

Join a Park Ranger for a hike to the Bearallow Valley Observation deck to view the 2024 partial solar eclipse!

Table Rock State Park
April 13: 10:00-11:30 AM
Spring Wildflower Walk

Join us for a beautiful morning walk around the Lakeside Trail and explore the area in search of native wildflowers. Learn how to identify some of the more common varieties, and maybe snap a photo or two!

Jones Gap State Park
April 13: 10:00-11:30 AM
Spring Wildflower Walk

**WEEKLY EVENTS
WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

Cool Season Lake Tours
Tues., Thurs., & Sat.: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM **Book Now!**

Sunday Afternoon Tour: 2:00-5:00 PM **Book Now!**

FISHING ADVENTURES WITH CAPT. ZACH
8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Call (864) 280-5501 to Book!

PRIVATE TOURS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE!
Book online or call 864-280-5501

**THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE
APRIL 8, 2024**

Zughanrue is a German term for the restless energy of animal migration, especially birds. Zughanrue is not a concept to be merely discussed. It is palpable. It is charged air. It is explosive. To understand it, to experience it, one must be silent. No internal chatter, no digital distractions. Stillness is required. Zughanrue was announced by the Bonaparte's gulls this fine Tuesday morning. It is always their strange, electrical sound that begins the day this time of year, but this morning it was more chaotic, more kinetic. Something was up. Abbreviated yodels could be heard, the call male loons make during breeding season, and now, as breeding season approaches. And hoots, but a version I had never heard before. Hoots are the single syllable call loons make in conversation with one another, but this morning so many loons were hooting at once that the calls blended into one entirely unusual sound, one that felt much more energetic than the normal chit chat that loons carry on with. First one loon runs across the lake, departing his raft first. The another. Then the entire raft begins the noisy charge across the lake to get aloft. On this clear and windless morning the sound of loons underway was reverberating across the entire of the lower basin. The surface of the lake was electrically charged. The restless energy of spring loon migration had exploded. On these mornings that I have come upon over the last few years, I feel like I have discovered another Serengeti plain, one for the most part I have to myself. What a strange and magnificent gift it is. ~B

**COMING SOON!
APRIL/MAY**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Table Rock State Park
April 20: 2:45-10:00 AM
Sunrise Hike: Bald Knob

Gorges State Park
April 22: 10:00-11:30 AM
Earth Day: Volunteer Event

Oconee State Park
April 23: 8:00-9:30 PM
Full-moon Hike

Table Rock State Park
April 25-28
Blue Wall Birding Festival

Gorges State Park
April 28: 10:00-10:30 AM
Spring is HERE!

Join us on a one-mile walk and view trilliums, bloodroot, foamflowers and the vibrant colors of spring.

Table Rock State Park

April 13: 1:00-2:00 PM

Bluebirds over the Carolinas

Ron Brenneman, co-founder and Board of Director member of the South Carolina Bluebird Society will present this program which will include discussions of bluebird biology and reproductive activity, dealing with nest predators, nest box requirements, nest box location, installation of nest boxes and monitoring nest box activity.



Eastern bluebird, Photo by Anthony Q Martin

Table Rock State Park

April 13: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

Enjoy traditional Blue Grass music as local musicians gather at Table Rock to keep this inspirational talent alive. Visitors are invited to bring their acoustic instruments and join in a jam session or simply sit back to enjoy the music with the lake and mountains as a beautiful backdrop.

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina

April 9: 2:00-3:30 PM

Saluda Library Speaker Series: Creating an Ecologically Sustainable Landscape

Join Lisa Wagner, plant ecologist, and learn how to choose plants that naturally work together using a plant community approach, reflecting the aesthetic of natural Blue Ridge landscapes.

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 11: 4:00-5:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club- Middle School, Babies!! East

We will take our baby hunt to the eastern side of the Preserve.

GNHA

April 13: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Dismal Trail and Raven Cliff Falls

We will hike to the Raven Cliff Falls overlook to see the tallest waterfall in South Carolina from a distance. Then we will venture down

Table Rock State Park

May 4: 2:00-10:00 AM

Sunrise Hike: Table Rock

Oconee State Park

May 4: 10:00-11:30 AM

CCC History Stroll

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina

April 16: 6:00-7:30 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series – Historic Native American Paths and a Revolutionary Battle Site in the Landrum Area

Upstate SCNPS

April 16: 6:30-8:00 PM

Native Plants for the Vegetable Garden w/ Adam Bigelow

Mushroom Mountain

April 18: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 18: 3:00-4:30 PM

May 2: 3:00-4:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club--Elementary

Sierra Club South Carolina

April 18: 6:00-8:00 PM

Foothills Group monthly meeting: "The Incredible Palmetto Trail"

Hagood Mill Historic Site

April 19: 12:00 PM-April 21: 12PM

Old Time Jam & Camping Weekend

Greenville County Bird Club

April 20: 7:00 AM-2:00 PM (Longer Walk)

April 20: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

Oconee History Museum

April 20: 2:00 PM

My Place Among Them, Book Talk and Signing w/ Gwen McPhail

Mushroom Mountain

April 20: 9:00 AM-April 21: 5:00 PM

Wild Mushroom Food Safety Certification – South Carolina

Mushroom Mountain

April 22: 2:00-4:00 PM

Mushrooms and Sustainability Clinic

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 25 4:00-5:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club-Middle School, Earth Impact Day

Upstate SCNPS

April 27: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Association Plant Sale

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

April 27: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Fishing with Friends Trout Tournament

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 27: 5:30-8:00 PM

Great Blue Gathering and Silent Auction

Hagood Mill Historic Site

April 28: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Old-Time Cooking: Cooking with Fire

Mushroom Mountain

May 2: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

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the steep Dismal Trail. There is a reason its name is Dismal- this trail has a 1200ft elevation drop going down.

KOBA

April 13: 9:00-11:00 AM
2nd Saturday Litter Pickup

Meet up at the Food Lion parking lot at the corner of Hwy 123 and Old Clemson Highway.

Upstate SCNPS

April 13: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Volunteer Opportunity: Reedy River Spring River Cleanup

Come out & help Friends of the Reedy River clean up multiple locations along the Reedy River and its tributaries.

Foothills Trail Conservancy

April 13: 9:00 AM-1:30 PM
Wildflower Walk at Whitewater Falls

Join Gary Kauffman, USFS botanist / ecologist, on an informative stroll from the Whitewater Falls overlook to the Whitewater River. This early spring hike will be co-led by Heyward Douglass, FTC Special Projects Coordinator.

Mushroom Mountain

April 13: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Spring Mushroom Cultivation Workshop

Participants will learn fungal ecology and life cycles, while immersed in hands-on methods to cultivate mushrooms on logs, stumps, wood chips, and straw, designing mushroom gardens, and composting or recycling with fungi.

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 13: 10:00-11:00 AM
Vermicomposting Workshop

During this workshop, you'll learn about the advantages of vermicomposting over conventional composting, as a faster solution to breaking down organic waste, creating a nutrient-rich organic fertilizer and soil conditioner.

Holly Springs Center

April 13: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Introduction to Bee Keeping

Taught by Jerry Clark; this course is designed for the person who is interested in beekeeping but unsure of how to get started.



HSC photo

Hagood Mill Historical Site

April 13: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Plants are Medicine: Early Spring Wild Edibles & Medicinals

In this class, students will learn how to use beneficial wild edibles for their nourishing and healing benefits.

Conestee Nature Preserve

May 4: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Gorges SP – Upper Bearallow, Rainbow, Turtleback, and Drift Falls

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May 4: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Oconee SP - Hidden Falls via the Back Trail

SC BOTANICAL GARDEN EVENTS

April 20: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Second Chance Spring Plant Sale

April 20: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
SCNP Elective: Native Plants for Pollinators

April 26: 10:00-11:30 AM
Monthly Garden Walks Spring 2024

April 30: 1:30-3:30 PM
Garden Naturalist: Birds in the Garden

May 4: 10:30-11:30 AM
Saturday Garden Tours

READY TO RAMBLE A LITTLE FURTHER? CHECK OUT WHAT THESE FRIENDS HAVE TO OFFER!

SC Botanical Garden

Highlands Biological Station

Alarka Institute

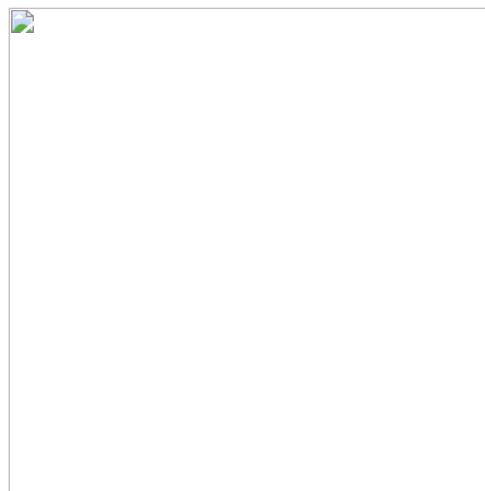
Conserving Carolina

Bigelow's Botanical Excursions

Borrowed Glimpses



Native azalea
Photo by Robert Michael Holliday



Fothergilla major
Photo by Dan Whitten

April 13: 12:00-2:30 PM
Connecting with Nature: A Mindful, Meditative Walk in the Woods

On this leisurely Nature Therapy walk through the Preserve, you will be able to escape the demands of everyday life, engage with your senses, and perhaps encounter nature in a slightly different way.

Blue Ridge Backpackers

April 13: 10:00 AM- April 14: 1:00 PM
Bartram Trail: Hwy 28 to Sandy Ford

Upstate Hiking and Outdoor Adventures

April 14: 8:45 AM-4:45 PM
Beech Bottom Falls / Foothills to Top of Sassafras Mountain and Back

This will be a 5.2 mile in-and-out hike.

SC BOTANICAL GARDEN EVENTS

April 11: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Spring Herbaceous Plant Identification

Join Trent Miller, Natural Heritage Trail Manager, to explore the many habitats along the Natural Heritage Trail.

April 13: 1:00-3:00 PM
SCBG Docent Orientations 2024

Orientation will introduce attendees to our various weekday and weekend docent opportunities and will equip participants with information about the SCBG's history, mission, garden spaces and features, as well as techniques for communicating effectively with the public.



SCBG photo

[Current conditions at Lake Jocassee via Devils Fork State Park webcam](#)

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DID YOU KNOW?

Is there really less oxygen in the Northern Hemisphere during winter without leaves on the trees? According to multiple articles from National Geographic, Smithsonian and the website Sciencing, the answer is yes! When deciduous trees take a winter vacation, oxygen levels fall and carbon dioxide levels increase. However, the decreased amount of oxygen is negligible since the earth has plenty of oxygen year round, thanks to the number of trees worldwide. ~weaverswaycoop.com

ABOUT THE BLUE WALL

Spanning three states (North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia) and encompassing 859,000 acres, the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment, known as the 'Blue Wall' by Native Americans, contains some of the highest natural diversity of rare plants and animals found anywhere in the world.



Spring Loon migration with Brooks (seated, center)

It's 2024, and local schools are booking for Jocassee Wild Child Adventures!

Your support makes this program happen!



Kicked off our 2024 Jocassee Wild Child Outdoor Education Program today with 35 4th graders from Blueridge Elementary, Seneca SC!

What a day!!

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and follow Jocassee Wild Child Adventures on Facebook!

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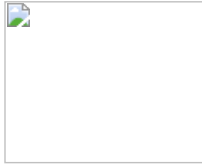
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Thanks to Sheryl White for compiling the Blue Wall Weekly calendar,
and to all JLT GUIDES for photos and continuous inspiration!

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Jocassee Lake Tours Depart from the Main Dock at Devils Fork State Park

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